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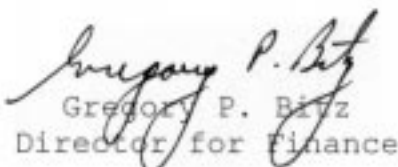
MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE
CLEVELAND CENTER
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE
DENVER CENTER

SUBJECT: Update to the Change to the Department of Defense
Financial Management Regulation (DoDFMR), Volume 7
Part B, Proposed Change on Survivor Benefit Plan
Termination-Incapacitated Spouse (DFAS Item H-21)

This is DFAS Interim Change Number R8-99 to the DoDFMR,
Volume 7B. This change is effective immediately.

We have evaluated your comments on the draft change to the
DoDFMR, Volume 7B. The attached final version of the change
includes comments where appropriate. Assignment of an interim
change number is your authority to initiate a procedural
modification to facilitate this change. For the Denver Center,
use the attached to initiate the formal change to the DoDFMR,
Volume 7B.

My point of contact is Mr. Fiti Malufau. He may be reached
at (703) 607-5061 or DSN 327-5061. Our fax number is
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Director for Finance

Attachment:
As stated

cc: DASD (MMP) (COMP)
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Services Liaisons
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1. Change paragraph 90208a(2)(see Interim Change R9-98 for the most recent change affecting this subparagraph) to read as follows:

"(2) An SBP participant who is eligible to discontinue participation sends a written request to the DFAS-Cleveland Center on DD Form 2656-2. A request for information or a request for termination that is not on DD Form 2656-2 is not a request to discontinue.

(a) A married participant may not discontinue spouse coverage without the spouse's written concurrence, unless it is established that the spouse's whereabouts cannot be determined, or that, due to exceptional circumstances, obtaining the spouse's consent would be inappropriate. In exceptional circumstances, such as mental or physical incapacitation of the spouse, DFAS requires the appropriate documentation, such as a physician's statement, which attests to the spouse's mental or physical incapacitation. Additionally, the incapacity must exist continuously since the date of the member's request.

(b) If the SBP participant is providing former spouse coverage based on a court order, an amended court order should accompany the request, even if the former spouse concurs with the request."

2. Bibliography changes/additions:

Paragraph	Citation
(add) 90208a(2)	ASD/FM&P Memorandum, 27 Jan 1999